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THE SEVEN LEGENDS OF INTERNATIONALISM

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FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY, cunning European politicians have had their eyes on America; the wealth of the richest people on earth has whetted their appetites and lured them into conspiracy. The plot was actually hatched during the Wilson Administration, but it was during the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations that the conspirators were able to launch an offensive which came near to sweeping everything before it. The Republican victory last fall has not stopped their advance. Within the next few years they will reach out for final victory by attempting to sneak the United States into some form of world government.

The internationalists have skilfully rationalized this exploitation of our American heritage into a plausible spiritual and economic philosophy — something that is good for us and the rest of the world. Actually it is anything but spiritual, unless picking the pockets of industrious Americans is a lost commandment; and on the economic side it is as full of holes as a piece of Swiss cheese. The rationalization rests on seven legends.

LEGEND ONE: Use of the word "isolationist" as an over-all smear word whose meaning ranges from simple hog-like selfishness to complete moral and spiritual degeneracy.

The founding fathers were isolationists in only one sense. They did not want to isolate us from the culture of the world — from its profitable business, from good international fellowship, nor from reasonable generosity toward less fortunate people.

But they did want to isolate us from the wars of Europe and in that sense only did they believe in "isolationism". Europe had been a war factory for centuries. One authority estimates that the nations of Europe have been mixed up in 278 wars in the last five hundred years. It was from this ancient and entrenched mess that the founding fathers wanted to isolate America.

For some 128 years the Republic kept out of the quarrels of Europe. During most of this time the great nations of Europe were unfriendly and frequently threatened us, first one and then another. Nevertheless, we managed to keep these Kilkenny cats from our backyard; we never allied ourselves with any of them. Then in 1917 under the leadership of President Wilson we abandoned the path of Washington and Jefferson, took sides in an old world quarrel, and we have been in hot water ever since.

In only thirty five years we have fought two global wars and an international war in far away Korea. Paul Peters, the able fact sleuth, estimates that World Wars I and II cost

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us over six hundred and eighty billions — the cost of the wars themselves, loans and gifts made to rehabilitate both allies and foes, medical treatment and pensions for our soldiers, excessive armament due to our diplomatic bungling. Add to this the cost of the Korean war and what we will spend rehabilitating Korea and more than seven hundred billions can be accounted for. And there are *indirect costs* still to be paid.

We are no nearer world peace than when we started wasting the lives and the health of young Americans, in addition to the billions of dollars. Instead, we have another global contest on the horizon.

LEGEND TWO: The United States had to get into World Wars I and II to protect itself. In World War I we were told that the Kaiser started the war to conquer the world. In World War II, President Roosevelt told the people that the Nazis actually had a timetable for invading Iowa.

When the German Archives were opened at the end of World War I, nothing was found to support the propaganda that the Kaiser had been plotting to conquer the world. And at the end of World War II, General George Marshall in his report as Chief of Staff admitted that the Germans had no plan for world conquest — that they didn't even have a plan to conquer Europe.

LEGEND THREE: "We cannot stay out of the politics of the old world because we must depend on Europe, Asia and Africa for critical materials without which our industries could not operate." The fact is that we can obtain all such materials from the Western Hemisphere. Former President Herbert Hoover, one of the top mining engineers of the world, said in his testimony before a joint committee of the House and Senate, "I may say at once that with proper economic action in the Western Hemisphere we can be made self-contained in critical war materials." All we need is a program of action and within a short time we would cease to be dependent on overseas countries for critical materials.

LEGEND FOUR: "Our continued prosperity depends on our trading more and more with Europe and Asia." The United States has never been completely dependent on foreign markets, either to survive or to raise the living standards of our people.

From a military standpoint, the country's self-sufficiency has been of tremendous value to our safety. Other nations have had to exploit backward peoples and control foreign markets to get ahead in the economic scale and supply the sinews of war. This is what is called imperialism, but its taproot is economic insufficiency at home. And imperialism has been a major cause of war in the world. Because of the high degree of self-containment of our domestic market we have been able to keep out of the business of exploiting other peoples and, in consequence, have been peacefully inclined.

Now, the internationalist has never liked this natural advantage of ours. He wants to make us dependent on foreign markets for a simple reason. If we can be made to depend on foreign markets we will be tightly tied to foreign politics — forced to take an

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active hand in wars to protect those foreign markets. So the internationalist concentrates on our tariffs and is screaming that our tariff barriers are blocking prosperity for other peoples as well as our own.

The truth is that since 1934 the American tariffs have been cut seventy-five per cent. Today we have the lowest tariffs in our history — lower than that of any South American nation, lower than that of Canada and Mexico, lower than that of the principal trading nations of Europe and Asia. But while we have been slashing our tariffs to the bone, the nations of the old world have been raising their restrictions on foreign trade through import licenses, quotas and currency controls.

If freer trade is such a blessing one wonders why the nations of Europe do not try it out on themselves first. They have no intention of doing that — because every nation of the old world is striving for as much self-sufficiency as possible; for the Kremlin, economic self-sufficiency is an absolute "must". Only in America is self-sufficiency a crime against mankind and God.

LEGEND FIVE: "The impoverishment of a single nation in the world is a threat to its peace." Therefore, we must give lavishly of our wealth to end poverty on the earth.

This is the big come-on argument of the internationalists. There isn't the slightest chance of our making the people of India or China prosperous. The British learned when they were in India that a rise in the standards of living resulted in more Indians and a prompt fall in those standards. The Red Cross before World War II discontinued relief in China because they found that relief simply increased the production of Chinamen.

However, the war-makers in history have not been the impoverished nations. They have been the prosperous ones. So, even if poverty could be eliminated in the world, mankind would not automatically become peaceful and noble. Such a happy condition would not eliminate human greed, and the sad fact is that most of the trouble in the world has been caused by people who, though doing nicely, wanted more and more.

LEGEND SIX: "It is our moral destiny to free enslaved peoples everywhere." If this is our destiny it is certain to be a very costly and futile one. One indisputable fact of history is that freedom is not like a gift that can be wrapped up and presented to a people. Freedom has always been the product of a slow and painful evolutionary growth. It took hundreds of years for the English people to win freedom. In that long period thousands of Englishmen went to the scaffold or the executioner's block and from their sacrifice the great edifice of Anglo-Saxon freedom emerged.

At the end of World War I, we handed the formula for democracy on a silver platter to the German people. Within fifteen years Hitler had established despotism in Germany.

For the American people to wage wars to set other peoples free is sheer stupidity. Freedom can only be achieved by a people who are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to gain it.

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LEGEND SEVEN: "We must have allies in the old world to save ourselves — particularly now when the Kremlin is plotting world conquest. And ultimately we as the richest nation must solve the problem of world peace or risk another global war that will blow us and civilization to bits." This is the most powerful legend of all, but it is still a legend.

Today we have entangling alliances with some 51 nations. These alliances are not really alliances. They are simply costly entanglements. In the Korean war our European allies played us false by trading with the enemy and tying the hands of our generals so that they could not win the war — all to the great advantage of the Kremlin. In NATO our European allies played us false again — taking billions from us under the pretense of creating effective military strength against the Kremlin when they had no intention of doing so. At the hour those same allies are playing us false for the third time, insisting on building up Russia and all Communist nations with trade and demanding that we go along with such appeasement. We can get along without such allies.

But suppose all Europe fell to the Reds. Would we thereby be in mortal peril? Nonsense, says General Bonner Fellers, in his recent book *Wings For Peace.* We cannot be conquered by land or by sea. Only through the air is there danger. But with over fifty per cent of world's manufacturing capacity, this country can meet any challenge through the air if we stop pouring out billions on an expensive army and an excessive navy. We have far more atomic bombs than Russia. Our plane manufacturers are far ahead of the Russians in technical improvements. Why, then, should we be consumed with fear?

THERE SEEMS TO BE no way in which we can put an end to the perennial wars in Europe. Twice associations of sovereign nations tried and failed, and for the same reason. The old League of Nations was destroyed by the deeply rooted hatreds and rivalries of the old world. The United Nations today is dead, riven by those hatreds and rivalries. A world government would exploit our resources and would end up in a vast despotism. Let us never forget that the problem of peace does not lie in this hemisphere. It lies in Europe — and has been there for centuries. In this hemisphere the peace has been fairly well kept for over a hundred years — and no League of Nations, United Nations or world state has helped.

The American people have only two choices. One: to stay mixed up in European politics. This will mean either perpetual war—a process that will exhaust us physically, morally and financially—or a world government in which we will lose our property and our freedom. Two: a determined withdrawal from the politics of the old world and a resumption of the Monroe Doctrine. This choice alone offers hope of preserving our freedom and the fruits of our industry.

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The Truth About Ike: Now that political storm clouds gather, the myth of Ike the irresistibly popular Chief Executive is fading fast. Men of good will in Government have always been aware that he is an amiable, well-meaning fellow. Now they realize that he's an amiable, well-meaning fellow, but unfortunately lacking in political know-how and sure-fire popular magnetism. They realize that now they must get down to business and meet the issues, eschewing reliance on a "glamor personality" to save the party. Members of the claque which for many months has been monotonously repeating (as if to convince themselves), "Ike is overwhelmingly popular", are not so cocksure.

Indeed, this claque, largely composed of "liberal" and eastern internationalist pundits, has been mainly responsible for this incredible incantation. There never was much basis to it — least of all in the election returns of a year ago. As we noted in HUMAN EVENTS, on the morrow of the election, November 12, 1952, Ike's victory was not a popular landslide (although widely billed as such). Landslide, if it has any meaning, means 60 per cent or more — such as Harding in 1920 (by 64 per cent), Coolidge in 1924 (by 65 per cent), Roosevelt in 1936 (by 62 per cent), etc. Ike got 55 per cent.

Nor should the electorate's beaming satisfaction at ridding itself of Truman be confused with a worshipful attitude toward Ike similar to that which nourished Roosevelt's power following 1932. That idea went up in smoke when a Republican running on Ike's coattails in Wisconsin went down before a Democrat who was running on the coattails of a dead La Follette Progressive.

But, then, what has Ike got — save an infectious grin? Nothing, so far as fitness for the job he holds is concerned. It is just as well to come out with this now, when people are in a mood to examine many things, privately circulated here, previously. The claque for Ike has obscured many revealing stories.

For instance, when Ike last February talked to a group of Hawaiian politicos, he told them that unless they sent 2 Republican Senators to Washington, he would veto the Hawaiian Statehood bill. He really meant exactly what he said — all present were agreed. It's difficult to believe that a President would talk seriously about the election of two Senators whose seats had not yet been created.

Next, a civil servant, specialist on a certain issue of legislation who has had to deal personally on his specialty with three Presidents, gives us a sidelight. A Republican (who personally disliked F.D.R. and Truman) he is simply appalled by Ike's inability to understand the first thing about the legislative matters on which he was consulted. "Truman was an encyclopedia", he remarks, "compared with Ike."

The above situation is the context in which one should read editorials these days calling on Ike to "grasp more firmly the reins of government, etc, etc.". What is meant is that one crowd or another would like to displace Sherman Adams and his crew in the business of "running the President".

For, people here are coming to one conclusion: that the office of President is too important to leave alone in the hands of a retired military man who has obviously viewed it as a final period of relaxation in a long and active career.

Caravan: The cattleman's "Caravan" which descended upon Washington in the past few days purportedly to help the cattle industry, but apparently to bait Secretary Benson, was an effective anti-Administration, Democratic publicity stunt. It left the impression that Benson was a flinty-hearted man who repeats "no" to any appeals for assistance to Agriculture. But this impression need not have been propagated if the press had performed its duties.

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One important fact about the Caravan — little mentioned — is that it was organized by the Farmers' Union. The counsel of the Farmers' Union is Charles Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture under Truman, and a pillar of the Left-wing of the Democratic Party. That scarcely suggests any altruistic, non-partisan flavor in the nature of the Caravan.

Next, what political coloration has the Farmers' Union? Not one paper we have seen brought up the fact that the Union is the Left-winger among farm organizations — quite different from the Farm Bureau Federation and the Grange. On September 7, 1950, Senator Styles Bridges (Rep., N.H.) delivered a highly documented speech, in which he charged that Communists had infiltrated the Farmers' Union. Bridges made the point that while Labor — specifically the CIO — had tried to clean house, its opposite number in the farm organization field, the Farmers' Union, not only had never moved to purge Communists in its outfit, but had actually purged anti-Communists. Bridges's speech to our knowledge has never been answered in detail or effectively.

Not Merely Gossip: From the grapevine, we hear that Robert M. Hutchins (formerly President of the University of Chicago) will soon resign as head of the Ford Foundation. It is known that powerful influences have complained to trustees of the Foundation of Hutchins's "liberal" tendencies. But whether it is these complaints or simply the perennially restless disposition of Dr. Hutchins is not known. It would not be the first time that trustees had so acted. Paul Hoffman (once head of the Marshall Plan) left his high position with the Foundation a year ago, reportedly because of a disagreement with the trustees about the large bloc of Ford Company shares held by the Foundation. The story goes that Hoffman suggested that the Foundation sell some of this stock; the Ford family said "no".

● One of the reasons for Senator Wiley's great unpopularity in his state of Wisconsin is his marriage to an Englishwoman two years ago. About that time, the Senator — formerly an "isolationist" — reversed his stand on foreign policy and became a militant internationalist. Today he wages a strong fight on the Bricker Amendment. Many of his constituents reportedly believe that his foreign-born wife caused him to change his views. Whether that be true or not, constituent reaction to this version is a political liability to Wiley in his state.

● Watch for a "liberal" propaganda drive against Secretary McKay and his Department of the Interior. Reason: a "security" unit has been formed and well-staffed with genuine anti-Communists. They have already started purging a Department which, according to hush-hush services here, has been one of the most infiltrated sections of the Federal Government. Hence, those in danger of expulsion will soon be calling for help from "liberal" publicists. In the view of press circles here, Interior will soon be "given the business".

New York Election: So far in the New York mayoralty campaign, submission — rather than bravery — has marked the two parties — Democratic and Liberal; submission to the socialistic Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) which reportedly controls both. But Colonel Harold Riegelman, the Republican candidate, may win many votes from those who admire fearlessness. For Riegelman has defied the ADA octopus in no uncertain terms. The ADA invited him to speak to their gathering and he turned them down.

Riegelman said: "You have advocated socialistic schemes, encouraged an even greater amount of government interference and domination in the lives of individuals, and held a consistently 'soft' policy towards the menace of Communism . . . . You are so deeply concerned with the fancied advantages you think will come to the plain people from some future impossible welfare state, that you are blind to the blessings they could have next January by putting ordinary, old-fashioned honesty, common sense and leadership in City Hall."

Nationalistic South: Even the most stubborn "one world" pundit must now begin to recognize that the South is no longer a bastion of internationalism. For decades, any classification of the foreign policy

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attitudes of Southern states placed them on the side of foreign entanglements and global spending, no matter what Administration was in power. But in the past six months, reports have indicated that the South has reversed its former stand on foreign policy.

On October 26, the U.P. reported: "Southern Democratic Senators served notice today that foreign aid spending will be their number one economy target next year. Eight out of ten Dixie Senators polled in a United Press Survey said they will vote for sharp cuts in the mutual security program." This attitude resembles that expressed by Senator George of Georgia in a public statement last week.

Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson (Texas) in recent months has adopted the same stern attitude towards foreign spending. Indeed, Johnson also joined what critics call the "isolationist" school when several months ago he came out in favor of the Bricker Amendment to protect American sovereignty from treaties and the UN. In this, Johnson undoubtedly reflected wide-spread sentiment in the South. And in this, also, the South finds itself aligned with the Middle West.

Indeed, the identity of political viewpoints between these two sections of the country suggest that the Republican Administration might find its parliamentary situation eased by a political combination of the Middle West and Southern Democrats. On a half-dozen major issues the legislative delegations of these two kindred sections could unite and form an impregnable parliamentary majority. Indeed, such a development seems inevitable in view of the narrowing division of the two parties in both houses. This prospect heralds that political realignment so often hailed, in recent years, as the best solution for our political crisis.

Taft: From Ohio comes word of the formation of a Robert A. Taft Memorial Committee which is to be expanded "throughout the country among men and women who desire to honor him", says Mrs. Katherine Kennedy Brown, National Committeewoman from the state of Ohio. The purpose of this association, says Mrs. Brown, is to "keep the influence of Senator Taft a living force in the world".

Morris: Robert Morris, expert counsel for the Jenner and McCarran committees in the investigation of Communists, is making progress in his campaign for Municipal Judge in New York City. A month ago, he won the Republican nomination, despite his opponent's attack on him on the grounds of "McCarthyism". In the past week, he won another victory when the City Bar Association voted him "qualified" for the bench despite the opposition of a very active group in the Association.

The fight against Morris is significant of the ramifications of the struggle against Communism in this country today. The objection to Morris in the City Bar body was that he had allegedly mistreated a certain organization under investigation as Communist-controlled. The complainants were members of a Wall Street firm of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland and Kiendl, who — it turns out — represented the investigated organization, The Institute of Pacific Relations. Morris investigated the IPR for about 18 months and his committee crowned his efforts by citing the IPR as controlled by an inner core of Communists and pro-Communists on its staff, who had used the IPR to direct American foreign policy towards Communist objectives. As a result of efforts of the firm, the municipal affairs committee of the City Bar body rendered a report on Morris as "not qualified".

Later, when the City Bar — in full session—debated the report (and finally designated Morris as "qualified"), among those whose testimony had no little effect in favor of Morris was Mr. Irving Ferman, Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union. Ferman filed an affidavit in which he defended Morris's treatment of witnesses appearing before his congressional committee. The vote to "qualify" Morris was in his favor by 118 to 70. This victory is expected to tell heavily for him in the coming election.

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